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Communication

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed September 25, 2003. The Notice (copy enclosed) averred that applicants' Response filed September 18, 2003 was non-compliant on grounds that it contained:

1. Amendments to the specification with unspecified deficiencies
2. Amendments to the claims in which each claim was not provided with a proper status identifier (some claims were identified as "previously amended" rather than "previously presented").

The Notice is incorrect. Applicants' September 18, 2003 Response:

1. was not an amendment and was not denominated as such,

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2. did not contain amendments to the specification,
3. did not contain amendments to the claims, and
4. stated that "No claim amendments are being submitted at this time".

Applicants did enclose a list of all pending claims for the convenience of the Examiner, and did identify some of the claims as "Previously amended". For the further convenience of the Examiner, a new set of pending claims is attached with changed claim identifiers.